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H.R. No. 2663

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives takes great pride
2 in honoring the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service, an
3 educational agency and a member of The Texas A&M University System,
4 for its many contributions to the El Paso community; and

5 WHEREAS, The mission of AgriLife Extension is to provide
6 quality, relevant outreach and continuing education programs and
7 services to area residents; working with the 10 universities and 8
8 state agencies of The Texas A&M University System as well as with
9 other organizations, the group brings vital resources to El Pasoans
10 in an effort to address local issues and solve local problems; and

11 WHEREAS, AgriLife Extension in El Paso offers unbiased,
12 research-based information, educational programs, and technical
13 assistance in the following core service areas: 4-H & Youth
14 Development, Agriculture, Community and Economic Development, Food
15 and Nutrition Education, Family and Consumer Sciences,
16 Horticulture, Integrated Pest Management, and Natural Resources;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Supporting El Paso agriculture, the extension hosts
19 workshops and educational programs for local producers and conducts
20 research and demonstrations to determine which innovations have the
21 potential to increase profitability and reduce environmental
22 impact; and

23 WHEREAS, The group also conserves and preserves our natural
24 resources through its Master Gardener program, a 15-week course on

1 landscape design, plant and soil science, insect management, and
2 plant disease, as well as its Master Naturalist program, which
3 provides in-depth training in wildlife and natural resource
4 management taught by recognized experts in the field, and its
5 Sports Athletic Field Education program, which offers turf
6 management assistance for sports field maintenance personnel; and

7 WHEREAS, AgriLife Extension in El Paso further educates
8 families and consumers through its nutrition initiatives,
9 including Better Living for Texans and the Expanded Food and
10 Nutrition Education Program, which teach limited resource families
11 about food safety, proper nutrition, budgeting, consumer decision
12 making, and food choices; in addition, the organization contributes
13 to the youth of El Paso through 4-H clubs, which allow boys and
14 girls to complete projects in community service and to participate
15 in other special activities; and

16 WHEREAS, Embracing its values of citizen and community
17 involvement, scientifically based education, lifelong learning,
18 and volunteerism, the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service is a
19 vital asset to greater El Paso County, and it is indeed worthy of
20 special recognition for its achievements in promoting knowledge to
21 benefit families and communities; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby commend the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service
24 for providing necessary resources to the El Paso community and
25 extend to all those associated with the organization sincere best
26 wishes for continued success; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service in El Paso as
2 an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.